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SUBJ: LINKAGE OF PERMISSION TO OPEN USIC SARAJEVO
WITH CESSATION INTERFERENCE AFN WITH RADIO
SARAJEVO BROADCASTS

1. PAO AND USIC SARAJEVO DIRECTOR JACKOVICH CALLED ON B-H SECINFO BABIC AND DEPUTY SECINFO KUSTURICA JANUARY 8 TO INQUIRE WHY USIC SARAJEVO HAD NOT YET BEEN REGISTERED BY B-H AUTHORITIES, DESPITE INFORMAL ASSURANCES OVER PAST MONTHS ON PART OF FEDERAL INFORMATION COMMITTEE AND B-H INFORMATION OFFICIALS THAT NO PROBLEMS EXISTED. BABIC COUNTERED OUR QUERY WITH HIS OWN ABOUT STATUS OUR PROMISE TO SEE TO IT THAT AFN BROADCAST ON 611 KHZ NO LONGER INTERFER WITH RADIO SARAJEVO BROADCASTS ON SAME FREQUENCY IN YUGOSLAVIA. HE ADDED THAT QUESTION OF FAITH IN EACH OTHER'S PROMISES INVOLVED. PAO SAID WE FULLY INTEND TO KEEP OU PROMISES AND STEPS MAY ALREADY HAVE BEEN TAKEN TO REDUCE THE POWER OF AFN BRODCASTS. HE SAID LINKING OF TWO ISSUES IS INAPPROPRIATE, WHEREUPON BABIC SAID THAT NO SUCH LINK EXISTS, THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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BOSNIA-HERCEGOVINA DID NOT INTEND TO BLOCK THE

OPENING OF THE USIC; HOWEVER, B-H AUTHORITIES FEEL IT WOULD BE "UNWISE" TO OPEN US INFORMATION CENTER IN SARAJEVO WHEN POPULATION UP IN ARMS ABOUT AFN'S VIOLATION ITS "VITAL INTERESTS" WHICH FACT COULD RESULT IN SARAJEVO POPULATION "TURNING ITS BACK" ON CENTER.

- 2. BABIC SAID MATTER OF AFN INTERFERENCE HAD BEEN PRESENTED BY B-H GOVERNMENT TO FEDERAL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, WHERE IT IS DUE TO BE DISCUSSED JANUARY 20.
- 3. AFTER LONG DISCUSSION, IT WAS AGREED THAT PAO WOULD VISIT DULOVIC, DIRECTOR OF FEDERAL ADMINISTRATION FOR RADIO COMMUNICATIONS ONCE AGAIN, TO INFORM HIM OF RESULTS OUR POWER REDUCTION TESTS AND TO INDICATE WE CONFIDENT WE CAN ELIMINATE INTERFERENCE FROM AFN. PAO SAID HE PLANS TO GO AHEAD WITH PREPARATION FOR JANUARY 23 USIC OPENING IN EXPECTATION THAT ISSUE WILL BE RESOLVED BY THEN, IF IT HAS NOT ALREADY BEEN RESOLVED.
- 4. PAO HAS APPOINTMENT WITH DULOVIC JANUARY 9. IN MEANTIME, FAILURE OF B-H AUTHORITIES TO REGISTER VIC JACKOVICH AND HIS CENTER ARE SEVERELY LIMITING HIS ABILITY TO MAKE CONTACTS, AND GET THE CENTER READY FOR JANUARY 23 OPENING.
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